Numb. 1278

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday February 14. to Monday February 18. 1677.

Naples, Febr. 1.

PEople here are very much concerned at the French, having lately carried 7 or 8 English Vessels laden with Corn and Oyl from *Puglia*, which hath been a very opportune supply to the Messineses, who before were in some want of Corn. Here are two Regiments of new raised Soldiers, ready to be sent either for *Sicily* or *Milan*, according as there shall be occasion.

Genoua, Febr. 9. This morning came to an anchor in this Road the *Portsmouth* Frigat, Captain *James Story* Commander, from *Cadiz*, *Alicant*, and *Majorca*. The *Portland* Frigat is past by for *Leghorne*. Sir *John Narborough* we hear is gone from *Alicant* Westward.

Madrid, Febr. 10. The 18th of the last Month, being the Birth-day of the Archdutchess *Maria Antonia* (designed Queen of *Spain*) when she entred upon her tenth year, the King was complimented by all the Ambassadors and Persons of Quality of this Court; though at the same time many are of opinion, that this Marriage will never be accomplished. Very considerable Sums of Mony have been remitted these last six weeks to several parts; 300000 Pieces of Eight to *Milan*, 500000 to the Emperor, 200000 to *Flanders*, 50000 for the King of *Denmark*, and the like Sum for the Elector of *Brandenburg*. On the first instant *Don Pedro d'Arragon* returned hither from *Zaragoza*, the Assembly of the States of that Kingdom, where he presided, being dissolved; the next day he performed his first Ceremony of covering before the King, as Grandee, which Dignity is conferred upon him for his life; and on the 7th he took the usual Oath as President of the Council of *Arragon*. The 2d instant Sir *John Narborough* was at *Malaga* with the Squadron under his command, intending for *Leghorne*. Sir *Richard Munden*, bound Eastward with upwards of 40 Sail under his Convoy, was at the same time likewise at *Malaga*.

Vienna, Febr. 3. The first instant a Courier came to this place from the Duke of *Lorrain*, and immediately after Count *Mansfeldt* went to meet him, and to conduct him to *Neustadt*, where he is expected this night; he lay some Leagues short of this place for several days, by reason of his indisposition, and the soreness of his Leg; the Marriage will be consummated on Sunday next. The Turkish Chiaus hath taken this morning his Audience of Leave, and returns to morrow. There is already another upon his way from *Buda* hither. Very little hath been done of late in *Hungary* between the Imperialists and the Rebels; these latter are erecting great Magazines, which is a sign that they will carry on the War. It is said that 1000 Turks are near *Tetchin*, with design to invade the Town which lies near the Mountains. Five Companies of the Regiment of *Baden*, and as many of that of *Massimi*, besides a great number of Hussars, are commanded to oppose them if they should attempt any thing.

Ditto, Febr. 6. The 4th instant the Duke of *Lorrain* passed by this place, accompanied with a great many Officers and Persons of Quality; yesterday he arrived at *Neustadt*; but the Celebration of his Marriage is deferred for some days longer. We are told that the Emperor has written to his Minister residing at the Court of *Denmark*, commanding him to press that King in the most vigorous manner to restore the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp* to his Countreys and Territories, from which he hath been expelled by the King of *Denmark*, and to demand that satisfaction be made to the said Duke for the losses and damages by him sustained; in which the Emperor is the more concerned, for that his Highness as Duke of *Holstein*, is so considerable a Member of the Empire, and may justly challenge his Protection. It is said that his Majesty of *Great Britain*, has by his Minister here, made instances to the Emperor in favor of the said Duke of *Holstein*, that he might be received into the Treaty at *Nimeguen*.

Ditto, Febr. 10. On Sunday last the Duke of *Lorrain* was privately married to the Queen Dowager of *Poland* by the Bishop of *Neustadt*.

Trier, Febr. 11. At *Metz* and *Nancy* preparations are making for the reception of their Majesties, who are expected at the first of those places within few days. The Troops of the Kings Houshold begin in the mean time to arrive at *Verdun*. Three thousand Pioneers are summoned out of the Country of *Metz*, and twenty four great pieces of Cannon have been brought from *Charleville* to *Sedan*. We cannot yet discover to what design all these preparations tend.

Strasburg, Febr. 14. The apprehension we have of the designs of the French encreases daily, and especially since we understand that the Mareschal *de Crequi* is arrived at *Brisac*, that General *Monclar* is returned thither from his Expedition in *Brisgow*, where he hath burnt several Villages; that the French King is very suddenly expected there; and that the Troops which had their quarters this winter in the *Franche Comte*, and in *Lorrain*, are marching in great diligence to their Rendezvous, which is appointed near *Brisac*. Our Magistrates have received several advertisements, that all these preparations of the French are meant against this City, though, it's said, that at the same time they have received assurances from Monsieur *de Louvoy* of the contrary. Our Magistrates have resolved to send a Deputation to the King so soon as they hear he is arrived at *Nancy*; the persons appointed for it, have orders to hold themselves ready to begin their journy upon the first warning; at the return of these Deputies we hope we shall be throughly informed of the Kings intentions, and know what we have to trust to. Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, who at present commands the Imperial Army in the absence of the Duke of *Lorrain*, hath sent orders to all the Imperial Regiments which are quartered in *Suabia* and *Franconia*, to march forthwith, the first have their Rendezvous assigned at *Rotweil*, and *Pforzheim*, and the latter at *Schwalbach* and *Darmstadt*.

Cologne, Febr. 18. The Duke of *Neuburg*, as we are informed, has lately written to these Magistrates,

in